

By the way, I hope you enjoyed the April Fool's NJLA speakers, listed on the back. Come on, you really didn't think there were people coming with names like See-an Added-entry, were you ?!?

Upcoming at the annual conference...

Susan Globus, ASID, of Globus Design Associates, consultant to 38 New Jersey libraries, will discuss how to make the most of library space, with an emphasis on analyzing whether the use of space in a library...

...reflects its mission...
...meets the demands of technology...
... and creates multi-use spaces.

This session, sponsored by the Reference Section, will be at 3:00 pm Wednesday afternoon, April 28, 1999. The New Jersey Library Association annual conference will be held at the Ocean Place Resort and Conference Center (One Ocean Boulevard, Long Branch, NJ) from Wednesday through Friday, April 28 - 30, 1999.

1998 in review...

Everyone was very helpful in preparing, developing, and helping with the Fall 1999 workshop "Electronic Information Management - A Balancing Act." A full audience came to Monmouth County Library on October 28, 1999 to see how representatives from three different types of libraries have dealt with setting up their public workstations, handling their use "on the front line," and establishing policies and procedures concerning their use.

A clear majority of the evaluations received rated the workshop either "good" or "excellent." Ideas for future workshops included: the cable industry's role in providing internet service to libraries, workstation maintenance, and integrating electronic media acquisition practices into reference collection development processes. Recommended topics for future coverage in Point of Reference included family oriented gateways / search engines, and reference services for disabled patrons.

The last edition of the newsletter Point of Reference included a new submission (about the types of services provided by the Citation / Location Center) from one of the members of the Reference Section. This tradition of inclusion will remain open to anyone who wants share reference-oriented library issues to the Point of Reference readership and the general library community.

Links to New Jersey libraries

[<http://www.state.nj.us/statelibrary/njlibs.htm>]

There are two sets of lists -- college / university library systems and county / municipal libraries systems -- both accessible from the same URL posted above. Many library catalogs are reached by a telnet protocol, which treats your computer like a local computer or terminal on a host system. Before attempting to connect, make sure your browser has access to a telnet application on your computer, so that it can make the connection.

For the system you wish to access, write down the instructions for the login, the password, and how to exit that system. Then you are ready to make telnet to the library catalog.

This site, made by the State Library, aims to have the most comprehensive list of New Jersey libraries anywhere. If you know of a library to add to the list, please send the URL or other information to Linda Kay, WebWeaver, at lkay@njstatelib.org.

Also listed on this same page are links to get to library associations and cooperatives from around New Jersey, and sites related to the Library of Congress.

Hello, out there !

I (the humble editor of this newsletter) suspect that many readers of this newsletter have their own e-mail address. In my personal opinion, the percentage of Point of Reference readers owning of an e-mail address for library use is pretty high, even if it is not used frequently. At least fifty percent, I say, may be as high as seventy percent. I've talked to some New Jersey librarians, and they say the percentage is likely to be much lower.

Am I wrong; am I right ? Could you help me ? Some Point of Reference readers get the newsletter electronically (an option to those Reference Section members who want it); they receive it by e-mail. It's easy to survey them, just one quick e-mail reply away. Eventually (meaning the 1998 calendar year), I will contact every member of the NJLA - Reference Section regarding this topic, one way or another, and I will post results about this survey sometime in a future edition of Point of Reference.

I would appreciate any feedback about this, no matter how it gets to me: by fax [973-267-4064], by email [brunskill@main.morris.org] or by mail [Point of Reference c/o The Joint Free Public Library of Morristown and Morris Township, 1 Miller Road., Morristown, NJ 07960]. Thank you.

Hey, You !

Yes, you, the person reading this newsletter ! Would you:

- Like to get involved with one of the NJLA's largest sections ?
- Want to expressing your ideas for workshops ?
- Like to learn or share issues / questions that affect your work ?

Contact the editor of the Point of Reference (see the box, below) and learn more . . .

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Last Minute Speakers Added To NJLA Conference

The list of last minute speakers added to the NJLA annual conference (April 28 - 30, 1999) includes the following foreign notables:

Pat Piros, renown Greek archaeologist, and Castor Whipstitch (London School of Archival Studies) will present their parchment restoration methods at a fifty minute workshop on Wednesday.

Siyan Adadentree, cataloger (Subyekheddin City Library, Pakistan), explains how to write original cataloging that patrons can use faultlessly.

V. Gettimbach (shelver and professional kickboxer, Allesordnung University, Germany) explains that under good patron relations, perfect shelf order can be maintained. His session will appear on Thursday.

Following Mr Gettimbach on Thursday will be Neve Missingtham (acquisitions librarian / black belt karate champion, Evershire County Library, England), who claims that, under similar patron relations, lost item reports are unnecessary.

Thea Femeris, librarian at Laputa Thinktank Inc., discusses swift and meaningful reference interviewing skills on Friday, along with the following speakers:

Liga Tschur, interlibrary loan librarian / graphologist, will discuss how anyone can get their hands on the correct citation from any handwriting on ILL requests.

Jenny Alodzhe, psychic medium / research librarian at the Hieranau Public Library, will show how channeling can help patrons contact the original sources of family material.

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